



CMS Snapshot

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News Releases

*January 3- [U.S. Surgeon General Issues New Advisory on Link Between Alcohol and Cancer Risk](#). *Alcohol Consumption is the Third Leading Preventable Cause of Cancer in the United States*. Washington, D.C. – Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a new [Surgeon General's Advisory on Alcohol and Cancer Risk](#), outlining the direct link between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risk. Alcohol consumption is the third leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States, after tobacco and obesity, increasing risk for at least seven types of cancer. While scientific evidence for this connection has been growing over the past four decades, less than half of Americans recognize it as a risk factor for cancer.

*January 3- [HHS awards \\$306 million in Avian Flu monitoring and preparedness funding](#). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it would award \$306 million dollars to continue its H5N1 Avian Flu response. While CDC's assessment of the risk of avian influenza to the general public remains low, USDA and HHS continue to closely collaborate with Federal, State, local, industry and other stakeholders to protect human health, animal health, and food safety.

*January 8- [Nearly 24 Million Consumers Have Selected Affordable Health Coverage in ACA Marketplace, With Time Left to Enroll. Affordable Care Act ACA Marketplace National Enrollment Snapshot](#) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to a robust Marketplace Open Enrollment process for consumers so they can effortlessly purchase quality, affordable health care coverage. CMS reports that 23.6 million^[1] consumers selected plan year 2025 coverage through the Marketplaces since the start of the 2025 Marketplace Open Enrollment Period, including 3.2 million new consumers. That represents 11.6 million more enrollees compared to the 2021 Open Enrollment Period.

Fact Sheet

*January 8- [Marketplace 2025 Open Enrollment Period Report: National Snapshot](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that, as of January 4, 2025, 23.6 million consumers have selected a plan for coverage in 2025 since the start of the Marketplace Open Enrollment Period (OEP). Over 20.4 million consumers had active 2024 coverage and selected a plan for 2025 coverage or were automatically re-enrolled.

Blog

*January 7- [2024 HIPAA Accomplishments and Wrap-Up](#). By: [Melanie Fontes Rainer](#), Director for Office for Civil Rights (OCR). *Summary: HHS OCR Director reflects on 2024 as a historic year filled with tremendous activities and accomplishments for OCR on Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) rulemakings, enforcement actions, and resources for the health care sector on HIPAA privacy and cybersecurity. 2024 was a historic year filled with tremendous activities and accomplishments for OCR on Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) rulemakings, enforcement actions, conferences, webinars, videos, and newsletters for the health care sector on HIPAA privacy and cybersecurity.*

*January 8- [Going once, going twice...Open Enrollment ends soon!](#) Time's almost up to get health coverage for 2025. Act before January 15 to enroll in health coverage that starts February 1.